



Tribal Infrastructure Fund

New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference
“Applying for Public Funds for Infrastructure” Workshop
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Tribal Infrastructure Fund (“TIF”)

- ✓ On April 5, 2005, Governor Bill Richardson signed into law, HB 868 (B. Lujan), the Tribal Infrastructure Act (“Act”).
- ✓ The purpose of the Act is to build basic infrastructure in order to improve the poor social, health and economic conditions in tribal communities.
- ✓ Projects include: water and wastewater systems, major water systems, electrical power lines, communications, roads, health and emergency response facilities, etc. The fund also provides for economic development projects for tribal communities.
- ✓ This Act also created the Tribal Infrastructure Trust Fund and the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund.
- ✓ The Act also created a thirteen person Tribal Infrastructure Board (“Board”), consisting of nine voting members and four non-voting members. The purpose of the Board is to evaluate project proposals and to award grants and loans to qualified projects from monies available in the Project Fund. The New Mexico Interim Indian Affairs Committee holds legislative oversight over the Board and the grants and loans made by the Board.

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- The background of the slide features a faded, artistic image of a person wearing a yellow hard hat and an orange safety vest. The person is holding a tool, possibly a shovel or a similar construction implement, and is positioned in a way that suggests they are working on a construction site. The overall tone of the background is warm and textured, resembling aged paper or a canvas.
- ✓ FY 2006-\$3 million
 - ✓ FY 2007-\$5 million
 - ✓ **FY 2008-\$5 million**
 - ✓ **FY 2009-\$20 million requested**

Process for Application

- Notice of Funding Availability
- Application on Website
- Leveraging Capacity & ability to complete project in 6-18 months are critical.
- Planning grants available
- Workshops on project application process



- One application per entity.
- Tribal entities with open projects are not eligible to apply.
- Top ranking proposals make a 10 minute presentation to the Board.

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